

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Helen Thiele began working for the South Dakota Department of Social Services in Madison on August 9, 1965; and,

Whereas, Helen has worked in many capacities for several department programs and has served the citizens of Lake, Moody, and Miner Counties admirably during her career; and,

Whereas, Helen Thiele is one of the most dedicated employees in state government, exhibiting great leadership qualities and an outstanding work ethic; and,

Whereas, Helen married Shorty Thiele in 1973, and enjoys the seven grandchildren they have been blessed with; and,

Whereas, Helen serves her community as a member of St. John's Church in Madison, has been a member of the South Dakota State Employees Organization, and is a strong supporter of the Humane Society; and,

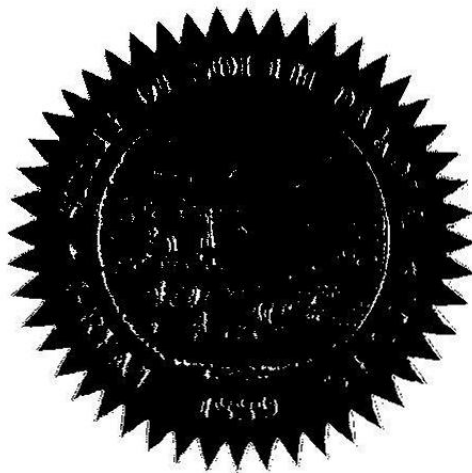
Whereas, Helen has served the citizens of South Dakota for nearly 39 years and will retire on April 23, 2004:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2004, as

HELEN THIELE DAY

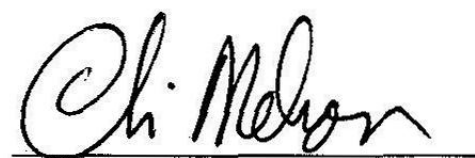
in South Dakota, and I join with her family and friends in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State